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B. DHAHRAN 0574 (NOTAL)

1. EMBASSY AND ALL COMPONENTS OF US MISSION INCLUDING CONSULATE GENERAL AND USMTM IN DHAHRAN LOOK FORWARD TO VISIT BY CODEL SIKES. WE BELIEVE THAT DURING TIME ALLOCATED TO DHAHRAN STOPS, PROGRAM CAN BE ARRANGED THAT WILL GIVE CONGRESSMAN GOOD UNDERSTANDING OF MAGNITUDE OF US INTERESTS AND MILITARY ACTIVITIES IN SAUDI ARABIA.

2. AMBASSADOR THACHER WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO MEET CODEL AND TO BE IN DHAHRAN 14-15 AUGUST TO LEAD POLITICAL-MILITARY BRIEFINGS.

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CONSUL GENERAL BAHTI WILL BE ON HOME LEAVE; ACCORDINGLY, VICE

CONSUL JAMES HOOPER WILL SERVE AS CONTROL OFFICER FOR CONSULATE GENERAL.

3. KING FAISAL AND MINISTERS (WHO USUALLY RESIDE IN RIYADH) HAVE MOVED TO SUMMER CAPITAL OF TAIF NEAR PENINSULA'S WEST COAST, AND WE DOUBT THAT ANY WILL BE IN DHAHRAN AT TIME CODEL VISIT.

4. MORE DETAILED PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS WILL FOLLOW SHORTLY FROM USMTM AND CONGEN DHAHRAN, BUT WE SUGGEST THAT CONGRESSMAN MIGHT FIND VALUABLE A BRIEFING BY ARAMCO DURING RETURN PASSAGE AUGUST

17. SAUDI ARABIAN OIL IS BECOMING OF INCREASING IMPORTANCE TO US AND WESTERN ECONOMIES AND IN COMING YEARS MAY EFFECT MANY ASPECTS OF US POLICY.

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